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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 20, 2002, applicant elects the invention of Group II, claims 27-36. The election is made without traverse.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time with the required fee. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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